

# Spy Agencies Say Iraq War Worsens Terrorism Threat

New York Times, Washington Post, LA Times

- "A stark assessment of terrorism trends by American intelligence agencies has found that the American invasion and occupation of Iraq has helped spawn a new generation of Islamic radicalism and that the overall terrorist threat has grown since the Sept. 11 attacks." New York Times (9/24/06)
- "[The reported NIE] concludes that, rather than contributing to eventual victory in the global counterterrorism struggle, the situation in Iraq has worsened the U.S. position." Washington Post (9/24/06)
- "[The reported NIE] cites the 'centrality' of the U.S. invasion of Iraq, and the insurgency that has followed, as the leading inspiration for new Islamic extremist networks and cells. Washington Post (9/24/06)
- "Things like the Iraq war have given the terrorists recruiting tools and places to ply their trade and a training ground." (Los Angeles Times, 9/24/06)